

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1216

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center”.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2013

Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BARBER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GRI-JALVA, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. PASTOR of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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## A BILL

To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center in Prescott, Arizona, as the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Center”.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2       tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds the following:

5              (1) Dr. Cameron K. McKinley was born on De-  
6              cember 9, 1930, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

1                             (2) Dr. McKinley served in the U.S. Marine  
2 Corps Reserve in Shreveport, Louisiana, from 1947  
3 to 1949.

4                             (3) Dr. McKinley served valiantly at Wiesbaden  
5 Air Force Hospital during and after the Vietnam  
6 War, providing therapy to military personnel and  
7 their families.

8                             (4) Dr. McKinley served with great distinction  
9 as the Chief of Psychology at the Veterans Affairs  
10 Hospital in Prescott, Arizona, from 1981–1995.

11                          (5) At the Prescott Veterans Affairs Hospital,  
12 Dr. McKinley organized a “Rap Group” for Vietnam  
13 Era veterans dealing with various degrees of post-  
14 traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). That group of  
15 veterans formed the Vietnam Veterans of America,  
16 Chapter 95.

17                          (6) Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 95,  
18 in concert with Dr. McKinley, local leaders, busi-  
19 nesses and nonprofit groups petitioned the Federal  
20 Government for a free-standing Veterans Affairs  
21 Medical Center (VAMC).

22                          (7) Congress authorized 91 new rural VAMCs,  
23 among them the Prescott Vet Center. In June of  
24 1985, the Prescott Vet Center opened.

1                             (8) Dr. McKinley spent decades confronting the  
2                             pressing issue of PTSD by providing cutting-edge  
3                             psychological and neuropsychological assessments to  
4                             the returning veterans of three wars. He produced  
5                             targeted action plans for veterans suffering from  
6                             PTSD, giving them tools to deal with their afflictions  
7                             and transition successfully back into civilian life.

9                             (9) Dr. McKinley's cutting-edge work has  
10                          earned him recognition from Prescott VAMC, Vietnam  
11                          Veterans of America, the Veterans' Readjustment  
12                          Counseling Center, and the Department of the  
13                          Army for his outstanding work to improve the lives  
14                          of veterans of multiple generations.

15                          (10) It is only well and fitting that as a tribute  
16                          to this remarkable person's life that Congress seek  
17                          to name the facility after the leader who was its inspiration  
18                          and a lifesaver for so many.

19                          **SEC. 2. DR. CAMERON MCKINLEY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS CENTER.**

21                          (a) DESIGNATION.—The Department of Veterans Affairs  
22                          Vet Center located at 3180 Stillwater Dr. #A, Prescott,  
23                          Arizona, shall after the date of the enactment of this  
24                          Act be known and designated as the "Dr. Cameron

1 McKinley Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Cen-  
2 ter”.

3 (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
4 ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
5 States to the Department of Veterans Affairs Vet Center  
6 referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a ref-  
7 erence to the “Dr. Cameron McKinley Department of Vet-  
8 erans Affairs Veterans Center”.

